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SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 • TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM
Sunday, Upper Church 8:30 and 11:00 AM
Holy Day As announced
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM
Friday..... 12:15 PM

NEW PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Our Welcome Center located in the hallway behind the sanctuary is open on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Entrance through the middle, rear door of the Church)
Monday-Thursday only ... 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Friday..... 8:00 AM-2:30 PM
(Closed for lunch 12:00-1:00 PM)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, Lower Church: 3:30 to 4:15 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM.

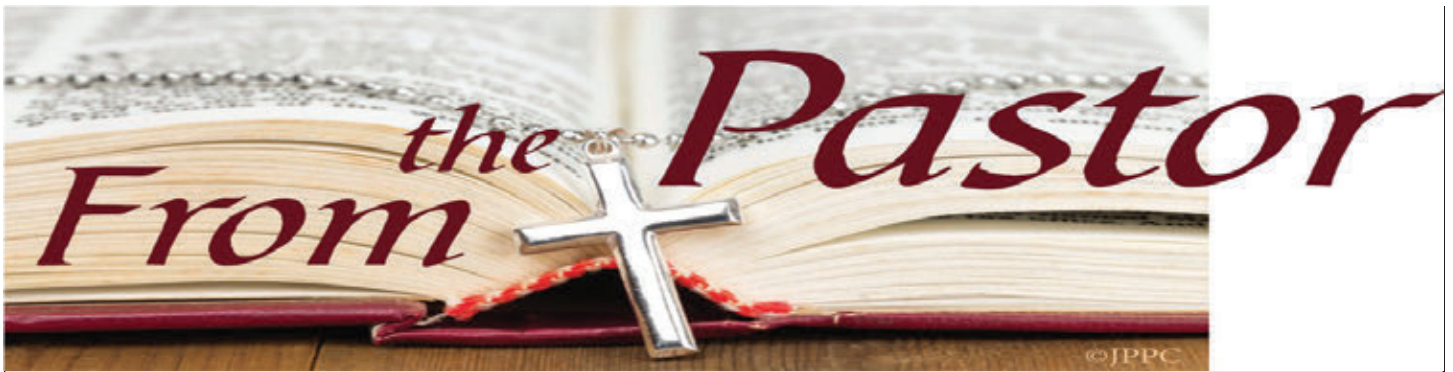
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at least six months before the intended wedding date. Weddings are reserved for active parishioners. Pre-Cana Session is required. Please call Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call Deacon Thomas Taylor or the Parish Office when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.



Let there be light! I was talking with our facilities director, Ron Gardner, the other day and asked a question that had been bugging me ever since I got here. I'd noticed that in the evening hours, the lights in our parking lot and around the buildings tend to turn off randomly. Actually, it didn't seem so random; it seemed like the light would always go out wherever I happened to be standing or walking at that particular moment. Being a bit of a Harry Potter fan, it almost seemed like Dumbledore was using his deluminator around me. So I asked why that was, and the answer is that the ballasts are starting to go/have gone in some of the fixtures, which is why they randomly turn off and on.

I suggested—and Ron immediately concurred—that, instead of replacing the broken parts, we replace the fixtures with LED's. They last much longer and use much less energy than the bulbs we have in there now. That project is now underway, and slowly we'll start to see the lights upgraded around the campus. That will make things safer and more secure, especially with evening meetings and events taking place, and save us money in the long run. I want to thank Ron and John Kemmey for the work they will be doing on this upgrade. The parish and school staff are also working on some other safety and security upgrades for the campus. As usual, I'll provide information here when things start to happen.

That brings me to another facilities-related matter that deserves a huge and slightly overdue thank you. As you know, we engaged a company to power wash the front of the church. It's an amazing improvement, and from what I gather, many people have spoken favorably about it. To help pay for it, we created a special envelope and the "Freshen our Facade" fund. I'll admit, it was a gamble to see how people would respond. We tracked what we earned each week in the bulletin. The goal was to raise \$4,000. We raised it. Actually, we raised a lot more. All told, the final total was \$7,755—almost double our goal! Sixty-two families participated in this special campaign. I am overwhelmed by that level of support. Individual thank-you letters have gone out, but a collective thank you to everyone who contributed is in order. Your financial support is the only way we can sustain parish operations. And don't worry, if you missed the opportunity to participate in this initiative, I'm sure we will find others down the road.

Don't forget next Sunday we will welcome Bishop McIntyre, who will celebrate the 11:00 Mass and formally install me as the pastor of the parish. All are most welcome to attend the Mass. Until then, have a great week!

Fr. Kiernan



MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 27
8:30 AM	No Mass
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 28
8:30 AM	Ellen Linehan
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 29
8:30 AM	Ellen Linehan
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 30
8:30 AM	Lorri Rudolph (9th Anniversary)
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 1
8:30 AM	Rita McGough

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	OCTOBER 2
8:30 AM	Ellen Linehan
4:30 PM	Emily Hannigan
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 3
8:30 AM	Rocco & Magdalena Gentile
11:00 AM	People of Holy Cross

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

Starting the week of September 12, Mass during the week will be celebrated Tuesday thru Saturday with NO Mass on Mondays. ALL daily Masses will be at 8:30 AM. Any Mass intentions that were scheduled for a Monday will be moved to the corresponding Thursday of that week.



Sunday Collection, September 19

Total Collection	\$8,277
Electronic	\$2,932
Basket & Mail-ins	\$5,345

On-Line Giving

Join the growing number of Holy Cross Parishioners who contribute to the Sunday offertory by electronic means. It is convenient and easy. Please visit our website and click on "Our Parish" and then the "Parish Giving" tab or contact the Business Office for assistance. Thank you to all those who give electronically!

WE NEED YOU!

To stay with Jesus in our Adoration Chapel for just one hour. There are many "open" hours where He is alone! Why not commit to just one hour per week?? We are open 9 AM to 7 PM Monday thru Friday. If you need directions, please call the office at 610-626-3321.





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Steven Henderson
Jimmy Keating
Natalie Giorgio Kitts
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Charlotte O'Leary
Paige O'Leary
Alexander Ott
Mary Rafferty
Joseph Sindoni
Adeline Sulpizio
Jean Super
Valerie Thompson
Helen Torelli
Amanda Trerotola
George Vrettos

Respect Life Mass, March and Rally

Please join us in Philadelphia for the 2021 Respect Life Rally on Saturday, Oct. 9, at 11:00 am. It will be held in front of the largest abortion center in PA, Philadelphia Women's Center at 777 Appletree Street. At 12:00 pm we will march to the Liberty Bell to proclaim liberty for the unborn. We will see you there!

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat

October 22—24, 2021

Malvern-Frazer, PA

For information call Georgeann 484-955-4278 or Susan 610-716-4795

Merion Mercy

Families of girls in 6th – 8th grade are welcome to join us at Merion Mercy Academy's Open House on Sunday, October 3, between 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon in the gym. Students in 8th grade can take Merion Mercy's Scholarship and Entrance Exam on either Saturday, October 9, or Sunday, October 10, from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. To register for either event, please visit: www.merion-mercy.com/openhouse

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Thursday is the feast of St Jerome, Scripture scholar and a Doctor of the Church. He says: *"To be ignorant of Scripture is to be ignorant of Christ."*

So did you know....

"The Catholic Church encourages her members to devoutly read the Scriptures and generously grants a plenary indulgence to any person who does so for at least thirty minutes on any given day."

---"1001 Reason Why It's Great to be Catholic!" by Robert M. Haddad



Exciting News about Our Choir !!



Our Holy Cross Choir has been invited to sing at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia on March 26, 2022. We are looking forward to serving as the choir for the Saturday evening Mass. More details will come later so that you can plan to attend if you wish. So, we are looking for additional choir members when we start our choir season again here at Holy Cross this September. We need all voices, especially basses and tenors. You do not need to know how to read music in order to sing. We practice on Tuesday evenings in the choir loft from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. If you would like more information, please contact our Music Director Grete Ingalls at 267.253.4007, or email greteingalls@hotmail.com. Come join us!!

Unbound Conference

What if you could reach out and touch God's love, and never be the same? More than ever before we are struggling to find our way. The Unbound: Freedom in Christ Conference will empower you to break the powerful chains in your life, so that you can walk in the fullness of freedom. When: October 8 and 9. Where: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Morton, PA. How: More info and registration - www.heartofthefather.com/event. Cost: \$95 before Sept. 25th/Couple or group pricing available.

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Update

Our Food Pantry has been busy and we are still providing food as a drive-thru. Through numerous benefactors including Staples, Rosemary Bannon, the O'Shea family, Acme and several others, we were able to provide school bags, school supplies, hand wipes and masks to almost 100 children.

We are so blessed to continue to be able to assist our Neighbors in Need through your generosity and support. If you are able, we are in need of the following: canned meats / tuna, veggies, mac & cheese, peanut butter & jelly, pasta sauce, canned fruit, soup, baked beans, rice, pancake mix and syrup, cereal, paper products, and personal items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant).

Just a reminder, we are open to Delco residents every Wednesday from 3:30 to 6 PM. If you know anyone in need of food, please let them know that we are here.

God Bless All of You and please know you are all very much appreciated.

Your Friends from the SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry



AUTUMN BIBLE STUDY

Do you want to dig deeper into the Bible but don't know where to start? Come join us! You'll receive a Study Pak, including your own DVD series at the end of the course!

What: *"The Turning Point, A Study of the Gospel of JOHN"*

This is an easy way to start. We will study in **depth** only 1 book of the Bible

Where: Holy Cross Parish Center

When: 9 Wednesdays, September 8 thru November 3, 2021

Time: 9:15—10:45 am, right after the 8:30 Mass

Who's Invited: Everyone!

Contact: Elizabeth Austin 803.556.7459 or Pattie Stevens 484.868.8571

Please call to register so we know how many Study Paks to order!

Annual Delaware County Life Chain

Our annual Life Chain returns this year on Sunday, October 3, from 1 to 2 PM along the sidewalks of Baltimore Pike in Springfield starting at Saxer Avenue. Please come to witness for Life from conception to natural death. Bring your rosary and pro-life signs. We will also have some pro-life signs. Bring a chair, if you want, and bring an umbrella if it rains. Let's witness for Life!



Maternity B.V.M. School, Class of 1970, 50+1 Reunion

The Class of 1970 Reunion will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2021, from 7-11 PM, at Maternity BVM Parish Hall, 9322 Old Bustleton Avenue. Please send a check to Maternity B.V.M. Rectory, 9220 Old Bustleton Avenue, Phila, PA 19115. \$50 per person; payable to Maternity B.V.M. Church; Attention: Denise. Please include the names of attendees, a contact number and email address. For additional information, please email dvoisard@maternitybvm.net.



Eighth Grade Scholarship Exam
Sunday, October 17, 2021
Tuesday, November 9, 2021
To register, be sure to visit:
www.bonnerprendie.com

Bonne & Prendie Open House
Sunday, October 17, 2021
Thursday, November 18, 2021

St. Kevin's Three Day Novena to SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS OF THE HOLY FACE 200 W. Sproul Rd., Springfield, PA 19064

The Three Evening Novena to St. Therese will be livestreamed on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/skparish1/> (Facebook account not needed to view) and also open to the public in Church at 7pm on Tuesday, September 28th, Wednesday, September 29th, and Thursday, September 30th. On the third and final evening Mass will be celebrated. If you like, you may bring your written intention with you to be placed in a basket on the Altar. Join us as we bring our intentions in prayer through her to Jesus. For more information call 610-544-8777.



Three Parish Book Club

The Three Parish Book Club will hold its first meeting of the season on Wednesday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish Center. Members will discuss the books read over the summer and select books for the coming year. If you would like to join us, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com.

September

Coffee with Nonna

The Lost Ravioli Recipes of Hoboken

A Favorite Book from Childhood

October - Psalms

Home Care Needed

Home Care needed 4 days a week for 94 year-old. Please call Vicky at 610-623-7729.

2021 Catholic Women's Conference

Strong & Beautiful

Saturday, October 23, 2021

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa

654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA

Catholicwomensconference.org

Questions? please email: archphillycwc@gmail.com

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Introduces

REV. THOMAS R. MC CARTHY, O.S.A.

Parish Mission

What does it mean to be Catholic today?

Sunday, October 31, Monday, November 1 & Tuesday, November 2.

Father Tom is an experienced teacher, administrator, retreat director and parish mission preacher. More information to follow.

Principal's Corner



Our school has openings in our PRE-K 3 classroom. Students must be three (3) by August 31 and potty-trained. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Spurrier in the school office at 610-626-1709.

Help Wanted

Part-time position in our after school C.A.R.E.S. program, 15 to 20 hours per week, 3:00 to 6:00 PM, Monday thru Friday.

Also, we are looking for volunteers to work in the library. Please call the school office if interested.



Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union

Holy Cross Church is now a member of the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union. All parishioners, students and employees may now open an account and become a member of FMFCU. The local branch is on Baltimore Pike in Springfield. For all things FMFCU visit fmfcu.org.

Good Society

Looking for a few Holy Cross parishioners to field test a new interactive program in development for Catholics to learn and discuss the Church's social, economic, and political teaching. We will meet on Monday, October 4, 2021, at 7:00PM in the Parish Center. If interested, please contact Steve Austin at stephen-waustin@live.com or 803-556-7481. Disclaimer: This curriculum is still in development and has not yet received an ecclesiastical review.



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